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1. AT FIRST DISCUSSIONS CENTERED AROUND NECESSITY FOR AMBASSADOR HAYNES TO OBTAIN APPROVAL FROM ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT. AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE AMBASSADOR RECEIVED A TENTATIVE RESPONSE THAT APPEARS FAVORABLE. THE PLAN, ORIGINALLY, WAS TO HAVE ONE MSG POST MANNED 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK TO BE LOCATED IN THE LOBBY WHERE THE RECEPTION DISK IS PRESENTLY LOCATED. USING THE STANDARD COMPUTATION OF GUARD HOURS, THIS WOULD REQUIRE FIVE WATCHSTANDERS PLUS ONE NCOIC AS STATED IN REF (C).

2. THE AMBASSADOR ON MY LAST TRIP TO ALGIERS FROM 6 TO 9 NOVEMBER SAID HE WOULD LIKE THE "PARIS STYLE" ARRANGEMENT WITH AN ADDITIONAL MSG STATIONED DURING BUSINESS HOURS ONLY AT THE PEDESTRIAN/VEHICLE GATES IN A SPECIALLLY MADE GUARD BOOTH. THIS ADDITIONAL POST WOULD, THEREFORE, MAKE SIX WATCHSTANDERS NECESSARY. THE IDEA OF AN MSG AT THE PERIMETER HAS SOME MERIT SINCE THE QUALITY OF
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LOCAL GUARD ONE CAN HIRE IN ALGERIA IS VERY LOW AND THE ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT HAS PROVIDED POLICE PROTECTION ONLY AT THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE.
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